

if any listed or candidate species may co-occur in the area of the proposed pesticide use. If determined that listed or candidate species may be present in the proposed use areas, further biological assessment is undertaken. The extent to which listed species may be at risk then determines the need for the development of a more comprehensive consultation package as required by the Endangered Species Act.

Acute risks to listed birds and mammals are not anticipated from the use of chlorine dioxide and sodium chlorite products due to low exposure and low toxicity. The screening level model used in this assessment indicates that there may be acute risks to listed aquatic organisms from the once through cooling tower use of chlorine dioxide/sodium chlorite. Further, potential indirect effects on any species dependent upon a species that experiences effects from use of chlorine dioxide/sodium chlorite cannot be precluded based on the screening level ecological risk assessment. These findings are based solely on EPA's screening level assessment and do not constitute "may effect" findings under the Endangered Species Act.

Chronic risks to listed aquatic organisms cannot be assessed at this time; this risk will be assessed when required chronic toxicity data are submitted to and evaluated by the Agency.

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